

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S49–S106

Measures Introduced: Six bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2004–2009, S. Res. 245–247, and S. Con. Res. 78–79. **Pages S85–86**

Measures Passed:

Relative to the Death of Dr. Floyd M. Riddick: Senate agreed to S. Res. 245, relative to the Death of Dr. Floyd M. Riddick, Parliamentarian Emeritus of the United States Senate. **Page S97**

Relative to the Death of Former Senator Carl Curtis: Senate agreed to S. Res. 246, relative to the death of former United States Senator Carl Curtis of Nebraska. **Pages S97–98**

Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 625, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S49–58, S63, S72–74**

Adopted:

Craig Modified Amendment No. 2651, to allow pawned tangible personal property to be excluded from the bankruptcy estate so long as the debtor has no legal obligation to repay the money or redeem or buy back the property. **Pages S51, S63**

Leahy (for Sarbanes) Modified Amendment No. 2517, to require that consumers be notified of the availability of toll-free telephone access to certain consumer credit information.

Withdrawn:

Hatch/Torricelli Amendment No. 1729, to provide for domestic support obligations. **Page S63**

Feinstein Amendment No. 1696, to limit the amount of credit extended under an open end consumer credit plan to persons under the age of 21. **Page S49**

Feinstein Amendment No. 2755, to discourage indiscriminate extensions of credit and resulting consumer insolvency. **Page S49**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2759, with respect to national standards and homeowner home maintenance costs. **Page S49**

Schumer Amendment No. 2765, to include certain dislocated workers' expenses in the debtor's monthly expenses. **Page S49**

Dodd Amendment No. 2531, to protect certain education savings. **Page S49**

Dodd Amendment No. 2753, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide for enhanced information regarding credit card balance payment terms and conditions, and to provide for enhanced reporting of credit card solicitations to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and to Congress. **Page S49**

Hatch/Dodd/Gregg Amendment No. 2536, to protect certain education savings. **Page S50**

Schumer/Santorum Amendment No. 2761, to improve disclosure of the annual percentage rate for purchases applicable to credit card accounts. **Page S50**

Feingold Amendment No. 2779 (to Amendment No. 2748), to modify certain provisions providing for an exception to a limitation on an automatic stay under section 362(b) of title 11, United States Code, relating to evictions and similar proceedings to provide for the payment of rent that becomes due after the petition of a debtor is filed. **Page S50**

Pending:

Wellstone Amendment No. 2537, to disallow claims of certain insured depository institutions. **Pages S49, S56–57**

Wellstone Amendment No. 2538, with respect to the disallowance of certain claims and to prohibit certain coercive debt collection practices. **Pages S49, S56–57**

Schumer/Durbin Amendment No. 2762, to modify the means test relating to safe harbor provisions. **Page S49**

Schumer Amendment No. 2763, to ensure that debts incurred as a result of clinic violence are non-dischargeable. **Page S49**

Feingold Modified Amendment No. 2748, to provide for an exception to a limitation on an automatic stay under section 362(b) of title 11, United States Code, relating to evictions and similar proceedings to provide for the payment of rent that becomes due after the petition of a debtor is filed. **Page S50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments on Monday, January 31, 2000 at 2 p.m. **Page S98**

Appointments:

National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–120, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office: Senator Allard, Martin Faga, of Virginia, and William Schneider, Jr., of New York. **Page S102**

National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–120, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission for the Review of the National Reconnaissance Office: Senator Kerrey, and Lt. Gen. Patrick Marshall Hughes, United States Army, Retired, of Virginia. **Page S102**

Washington's Farewell Address: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, appointed Senator Moynihan to read Washington's Farewell Address on February 22, 2000. **Page S102**

Communications:**Pages S78–81****Petitions:****Pages S81–85****Statements on Introduced Bills:****Pages S86–92****Additional Cosponsors:**

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Page S92**Authority for Committees:****Page S95****Additional Statements:****Pages S95–97**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 5:34 p.m., until 8:30 p.m., on Thursday, January 27, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S98.)

Committee Meetings*(Committees not listed did not meet)***PATIENT SAFETY**

Committee on Appropriations: On Tuesday, January 25, 2000, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human

Services, and Education, and the Committee on Veteran Affairs concluded joint hearings to examine reports and initiatives on patient safety, after receiving testimony from Thomas L. Garthwaite, Acting Under Secretary for Health, and James P. Bagian, Director, National Center for Patient Safety, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Molly J. Coye, Institute of Medicine; Joe Donahey, Circuit Court Judge, Pasco County, Florida; Lucian Leape, Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; and Ralph Specken, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on the economic and budget forecasts of the Congressional Budget Office for fiscal years 2001–2010, after receiving testimony from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

MEDICAL ERRORS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the incidence of medical errors, focusing on the Institute of Medicine report on medical safety, after receiving testimony from Lucian Leape, Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Mary Foley, American Nurses Association, and Carmela Coyle, American Hospital Association, both of Washington, D.C.; Nancy W. Dickey, College Station, Texas, on behalf of the American Medical Association; Arnold Milstein, Pacific Business Group on Health, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; and Gail Devers, Long Beach, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at noon on Thursday, January 27 for a Quorum Call.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT—U.S. TERRORIST THREATS

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on Terrorist Threats in the United States. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Phillip C. Wilcox, the U.S. State Department (retired) and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FAA AUTHORIZATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1000, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Operations, on the House of Representatives and the Library of Congress, 2 p.m. H-144 Capitol.

Committee on Government Reforms, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on "The Decline of DOD Assets in the Fight Against Illegal Drugs," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science, joint hearing on "The Year 2000 Computer Problem: Did the World Overreact and What Did We Learn?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Penalty and Interest Provisions in the Internal Revenue Code, 10 a.m. 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:30 p.m., Thursday, January 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Thursday, January 27

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business, Senate will meet in a joint session with the House of Representatives to receive the President's State of the Union Message.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Quorum Call and State of the Union Address.



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